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May Shabbat Schedule

May 4, 2018.....7:30 pm
(*Family Shabbat.....5:30 - 6 pm*)

May 4, 2018.....7:30 pm

May 11, 2018.....7:30 pm

May 18, 2018.....6:30
(*Shabbat Confirmation / Shavuot Service*)

May 25, 2018.....7:30 pm

Services in the Sanctuary

Saturday Shabbat Services
10:00 am in the Chapel

Torah Study

Every Saturday 8:45 am in social hall.



RABBI ANDREW BENTLEY

Emor - Holy Ambassadors

Last week's Torah portion discussed the idea of what it means to be holy before God. Israeli innovation and response to natural disasters, as well as the activities of our food bank/social action volunteers, were examples. This is known as "Kiddush Hashem" or sanctifying the name of God.

The opposite end of the spectrum takes the guise of Jewish individuals acting immorally and criminally. An example is Bernie Madoff and his Ponzi scheme that robbed Jews and non-Jews alike of their savings and retirement funds. This is known in Judaism as "Chilul Hashem" or desecrating the name of God.

This week's Torah portion contains a powerful verse which illustrates these two diametrically opposing principles: "Do not desecrate My Holy Name, I must be sanctified amongst the Israelites. I am the Eternal who made you holy. Who took you out of the land of Egypt to be a God unto you, I am the Eternal." (Leviticus 22:32). Here we see both positive and negative behaviors reflected in God's name.

How do the Jewish people, through their actions, emulate the Divine?

The answer is found within the relationship between God and the Jewish people. One of the core principles of Judaism is that all human beings were created in the image of the Divine. Our ultimate purpose in this world is to strive for the betterment of humanity. Unlike the gods worshipped in ancient times, the God of Israel is not part of nature, but rather the creator of nature and humanity. The Divine is not quantifiable by science or any other tangible means.

What makes Judaism unique, and why it is the founding monotheistic religion, is that the nature of God is revealed through the actions of the Jewish people throughout history. This is the purpose behind many of the laws, both ethical and moral, found in the Torah, and that through our observance, has served as the blueprint for a civilized society.

This places great responsibility on us. For such a small minority of the world population, Jews have had a major impact on all facets of human society. We live under a microscope. When we make great strides in science and the arts, the world takes notice. When we act immorally or criminally, the world takes even more notice. This is the essence behind the Divine being sanctified or consecrated amongst the Israelites.

Each one of us serves as an ambassador for the Divine. By placing special attention on how we treat others, looking at the repercussions of our actions, striving for excellence, and standing up for those less fortunate, we truly are able to bring the Divine into this sometimes brutal and unforgiving world. This is the true meaning of holiness.

Rabbi Andrew Bentley



Arava Talve, Melamedet



**A midrash, a story about a story in the Torah.
Ani Galya—I am Galya.**

I am so unsure of leaving this place that has always been my home. My children and I have known nothing else but the life we have. I am frightened of daring to believe that one day our lives could be our own. I am fearful for my children and that this journey we face will be too difficult to bear.

Yes, our life in Egypt is hard. The plagues have come and gone and yet we survive. But is living under the cruel blow of Pharaoh's whip the best I can offer my children? We must go but I do not know what to take and what to leave. We have so little time to gather our possessions. What will I need for this journey? Where is the path that we must take? And why is Moses so sure that Adonai will journey with us?

My son Nachshon is a brave foot soldier. He will watch for me and his sisters at the shore. He believes strongly that one day we will find the peace freedom brings. Nachshon feels freedom in his heart. He believes that Adonai will provide for as we search for a land of our own. My son believes in the land that was promised to us and that it waits for us. I wish I could hear his words of faith now so I could move faster and feel stronger.

My daughters look at me and I know it is time to leave. A great gathering of my people stand at the shore. I see Moses on a great rock waving his arms signaling us to move in as close as we can. We are waiting, but for what? I hear the roar of the people as someone yells out.."it is Nachshon ben Aminidav, he has thrown himself into the sea!"

I hear myself scream his name and push my way through the crowd within sight of the sea. Many people have plunged into the sea now and I search frantically through the faces for my son Nachshon. I feel a great wind and see the water move in a strange way. It begins to swirl and turn and I fear its great waves will swallow all of us standing so close. I cannot move and the salt burns my eyes so am forced to close them for a moment.

When I open them I see Nachshon standing with many others on the floor of the sea. My son in the center of a miracle.

The sea has separated leaving those in the water on dry ground and great walls of water on either side. Fish are leaping and falling in and out of the sea walls that stand firm. Hundreds of doves are circling all around. They are so beautiful and I somehow feel they are waiting for us to move to where they are.

I look ahead and I stare in awe at the sea in this incredible state. I feel a sudden push as people start to move towards this path of freedom Nachshon said would be there. We move together trudging through the mud following Moses. No one talks. I look at others near me and see that we are indeed headed out of Mitzryim together.

An old man's eyes meet mine and know that we feel the same thing. My daughters find me. They hand me a timbral and I join Miriam and the women in song and dance as we sing our praise to Adonai moving swiftly across to the other side. We are happy for this miracle and we are joyous for this moment.

Yes, Moses raised his staff, but it was the faith of Nachshon and all those that followed, that created this miracle. It is the strength of that faith, of that moment that will guide us through the wilderness and into the land that flows with milk and honey; into the land where we will someday live as a free people.

Arava



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Erev Shabbat and Shavuot Service of Confirmation

Rabbi Andrew Bentley
Melamedet, Arava Talve

May 18, 2018 / 5 Sivan 5778
Dinner at 5:30 PM / Service at 6:30 PM

Confirmation Class

Alex Bentley
Olivia Marx
Brian Paoletta

**Please join our Confirmation Students and their families
At a Dairy Shavuot dinner at 5:30 p.m., prior to services
Reservations are required.**

**Please call the Office at 760.568.9699.
We look forward to sharing this special day with you!**

*"We pray for you, Confirmands, for your steadfastness, for your
spiritual stamina; that your contribution to the
Eyetz Chayim – the tree of Jewish Life
will be a vigorous branch filled with the sweetest blossoms,
ultimately to bear the finest fruits of Jewish living."*



Leslie Pepper – Director of Education

We had a wonderful few weeks celebrating Israel and Yom Ha Atzmaut at our Religious school. We commemorated Yom Ha Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and Yom Ha Zikaron (Memorial for those who fought and gave their lives in the wars for Israel's freedom and survival). It will culminate this week with our teen/intergenerational Shabbaton into Los Angeles to participate in Israel 70 festivities along with thousands of Southland supporters of Israel. This Friday, May 4th is our last Family Shabbat, until next year, for families with younger children who have enjoyed our 5:30 time slot with a kid friendly service followed by a pizza dinner to schmooze afterwards.

As we are nearing the end of our school year our school will celebrate Shavuot with a traditional dairy snack of blintzes and cheesecake! Our Confirmation class will be leading the Shavuot Services (see flier) on May 18th for our congregation, family and friends where they will be dedicating their Legacy project to the Temple. We hope you will join us for this special service led by our teens. On Saturday, June 2nd, our Kitah Zion class (B'nai Mitzvah) will be leading Shabbat morning services followed by a luncheon in their honor. We invite the congregation to join us in this awesome morning led by our 7th graders!

We have our last day of school on Sunday, June 3rd, when our PTO is hosting a Teacher/Madrachim appreciation luncheon. Then we are off for Summer break and preparing for next year's students to return.

Kitah Zayin Celebration Service

Temple Sinai

June 2, 2018 / 19 Sivan, 5778
10:00am Shabbat morning

Please join us on this very special Shabbat as our Kitah Zayin students lead the service and teach Torah. They will present an original "Storah telling" that transmits the text in a creative and fun way.



Come and show your support for life-long Jewish learning by witnessing our amazing youth demonstrate their literacy in Jewish worship and study.

You don't want to miss seeing Torah through their eyes!

"Ben Bag Bag says: Turn it over and turn it over, for everything is in it. Look deeply into it, and grow old with it, and spend time over it, and do not stir from it, because there is no greater portion." (Avot 5:22)

SAVE THE DATE!!!

December 9, 2018



Temple Sinai

More details soon...



Jackie Leany - Tikvah Preschool Director

The children have been learning why we celebrate Shavuot. They have been discussing the giving of the Torah and God's commandments for us. Because it is also the celebration of the spring harvest, the children have been harvesting things from our garden. Daily they check to see what has grown. We have eaten strawberries, sweet peas, broccoli, and lots of lettuce. Observing lady bugs and butterflies in our garden have been an added bonus.



At Tikvah our children learn by doing. Did you know it takes math, science, and engineering skills to build with blocks? Just look at the "path" these children created.

And of course our favorite day is Shabbat. The children look forward to the stories, singing and dancing to celebrate this special day.

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WOMEN OF SINAI - President Reesa Manning

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting and brunch planned for Sunday, May 20 has been cancelled. We're sorry to have to do this but will have the discussion on "What Happens When Harry Dies" sometime during the next fiscal year.

The WOS Board is putting together our schedule for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. We plan to have more luncheons with guest speakers plus a fashion show and some school choir groups to entertain us. Watch for our schedule in the June Shofar so you can mark your calendar.

As we plan for the next fiscal year, we will be asking for your Women of Sinai dues. Watch for a letter from WOS in early July. There will be 3 levels of membership next year: \$36 for regular membership, \$72 for Chai membership (benefits are 10% discount in the Gift Shop and a free raffle ticket at each luncheon), and complimentary for those members who are 90 + years young. Dues are our biggest fundraiser and the beneficiary of our fundraising is the Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School, where our donations help keep tuition at a reasonable level as we educate our youth.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at areesa@gmail.com if you would like more information about Women of Sinai.

Gordon Poster, BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT



Dear Members of Temple Sinai,

I have been the president of the Brotherhood for 11 years, mind you not all in a row, but that's a long time.

My first run was from 2001 through 2003, then 2005 and 2006, and now this last run of 2010 until the season end of 2018. It has been great. But at this time, I am moving forward as a member of the executive board and will continue on with the board of trustees.

Your new President is Gary Kreger. I have known Gary for almost 30 years, and I can tell you without any hesitation you're getting a good man.

Gary, Shelley, Gordon, Saul and Ed will continue to bring you some great things in the months to come. Now, don't think for a minute that I am not going to help. Who else is going to cook the Zimra Dinners, arrange for the Deli dinner on Movie night and help plan other events.

Brotherhood, with your support, will continue to help raise funds for the Temple, something we all agree is a priority, and they are working on 2 or 3 really great events.

So, as you can see, I am not going anywhere soon. I plan on hanging around for at least another 20 years. Heck, if you're lucky, and myself, maybe longer.

So, let me finish by living up to my own words...

"For our future, for your Temple, for your community and for yourself, consider getting involved".

B'Shalom

Gordon Poster



Brotherhood of Temple Sinai Hosts Dinner and a Movie

Thursday Night, May 10, 2018



Join us for a social evening of dinner and a movie.

They may not be new movies, but they all will have something in common, Judaism, in one form or another.

Norman

Doors open at 5:30 pm, Movies starts at 6:15ish

\$15.00 Brotherhood Members, \$18.00 Non-Members, \$20 non-temple member

This is a no frills dinner, meaning, no wait service. BYOB.

Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer (Hebrew: נורמן: עלייתו ונפילתו התלולה של מאכער אמריקאי) (previously titled Oppenheimer Strategies) (is a 2016 American-Israeli political drama film directed and written by Joseph Cedar. The film stars Richard Gere and Lior Ashkenazi.



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Released for Theaters: 2016 MPA Rating – G
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Call Temple Office (760-568-9699) for more details.



Dinner Menu:

Corned Beef, Pastrami, Turkey, Egg and Tuna Salad. Potato Salad, Cole Slaw.
Mayonnaise, Mustard, 1000 Island and Ketchup. Fresh Fruit and Dessert

Reservations Requested for Dinner. Cut-off date May 8, 2018 @ noon.

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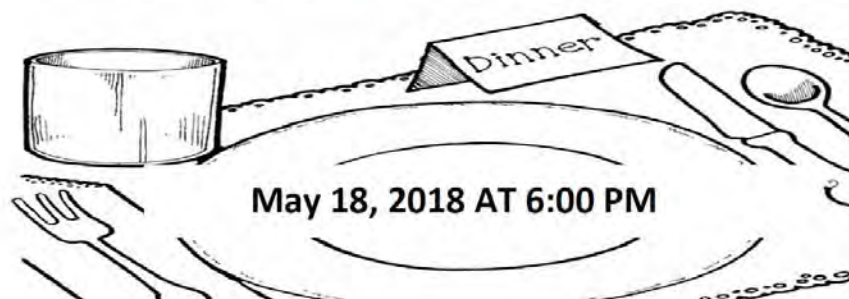
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Confirmation Dinner 2018 / 5778



Cold Buffet Selections:

Caesar Salad,
Roasted Corn, Tomato and Goat Cheese Salad
with Oregano Lime & Vinaigrette,
Tuna & Egg Salad, Potato Salad and Cole Claw

Hot Buffet Selections:

Smoked Salmon Ravioli with Creamy Tomato Basil Sauce,
Roasted Vegetable Crepes with Sauce St. Germaine,
Old Fashion Mac & Cheese and
Spaghetti Squash Shakshuka

(some items are subject to change without notice)



Challah and Margarine on Each Table
Wine (Chardonnay and Merlot) Included



_____ Adult(s)	\$26 Members/\$31 Nonmembers	\$ _____
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TEMPLE SINAI BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, May 16TH

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM



In the spirit of *Loving Frank* and *The Paris Wife*, acclaimed novelist Melanie Benjamin pulls back the curtain on the marriage of one of America's most extraordinary couples: Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

"The history [is] exhilarating. . . . The Aviator's Wife soars."—*USA Today*

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

When Anne Morrow, a shy college senior with hidden literary aspirations, travels to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her family, she meets Colonel Charles Lindbergh, fresh off his celebrated 1927 solo flight across the Atlantic. Enthralled by Charles's assurance and fame, Anne is certain the aviator has scarcely noticed her. But she is wrong. Charles sees in Anne a kindred spirit, a fellow adventurer, and her world will be changed forever. The two marry in a headline-making wedding. In the years that follow, Anne becomes the first licensed female glider pilot in the United States. But despite this and other major achievements, she is viewed merely as the aviator's wife. The fairy-tale life she once longed for will bring heartbreak and hardships, ultimately pushing her to reconcile her need for love and her desire for independence, and to embrace, at last, life's infinite possibilities for change and happiness.

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Yahrzeit

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In Memoriam

Pauline Schrebiner
*Beloved Sister of Temple
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Jerry Corcoran
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ple Member Ed Sogolow*
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Susan Lapes*
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Father of
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*Beloved Brother-In-Law of
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Temple Sinai is a Jewish congregation which seeks to share the principles of Reform Judaism with our congregants and their families. We provide a home for assembly, worship and study.

We encourage social responsibility, a sense of community, a relationship with our fellow Jews and the State of Israel. We encourage each to find their connection to our Jewish heritage and traditions.



CALENDAR IS ACCURATE WHEN IT GOES TO PRINT BUT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Event Calendar—May 2018

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
29	30	1 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Education Committee 4:00 PM Religious School 5:00 PM B'Nai Mitzvah Meeting with Parents of the 5th Grade	2 Erev Lag BaOmer 12:00 PM 613 Mitzvot 2:00 PM Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 3:30 PM Intro to Judaism 4:00 PM Mah Jongg	3 Lag BaOmer 1:00 PM Mah Jongg	4 10:00 AM Conversational Hebrew 11:00 AM Tikvah Shabbat 5:30 PM Family Shabbat Services 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	5 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services
6 9:30 AM PTO Meeting 9:30 AM Religious School 11:30 AM Religious School T'fillah	7 Temple Office Closed	8 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM Religious School	9 9:30 AM Dues Committee Meeting in Chapel 12:00 PM 613 Mitzvot 2:00 PM Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 3:30 PM Intro to Judaism 4:00 PM Mah Jongg	10 1:00 PM Mah Jongg 5:30 PM Brotherhood Dinner & Movie	11 11:00 AM Tikvah Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	12 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services
13 No Religious School 2:00 PM Shannon Mallory's Memorial	14 Temple Office Closed	15 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM Religious School 4:00 PM Religious School at C.P.K. Fundraiser	16 10:30 AM Book Club 12:00 PM 613 Mitzvot 2:00 PM Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 3:30 PM Intro to Judaism 4:00 PM Mah Jongg	17 1:00 PM Mah Jongg	18 10:00 AM Conversational Hebrew 11:00 AM Tikvah Shabbat 5:30 PM Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM Shabbat Confirmation / Shavuot Service	19 Erev Shavuot 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services
20 No Religious School Shavuot 10:00 AM Yizkor	21 Shavuot Temple Office Closed	22 10:30 AM WOS Board Meeting 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM Religious School	23 12:00 PM 613 Mitzvot 2:00 PM Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 3:30 PM Intro to Judaism 4:00 PM Mah Jongg	24 1:00 PM Mah Jongg 5:00 PM Board Meeting	25 11:00 AM Tikvah Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	26 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services
27 No Religious School	28 Memorial Day Temple Office Closed Tikvah Closed	29 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM Religious School	30 12:00 PM 613 Mitzvot 2:00 PM Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 3:30 PM Intro to Judaism 4:00 PM Mah Jongg	31 1:00 PM Mah Jongg 4:00 PM Tikvah Graduation	1	2



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